

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please add new claims 25-39.

25. A computer implemented method, comprising the steps of:

receiving from an event coordinator event information for scheduling an event, the event information specifying a list of invitees, a date, a start time, and an end time and/or a duration which determines said end time;

receiving invitee availability information for one or more of said invitees, wherein said availability information is used in determining which of said one or more invitees, if any, are not busy between said start time and said end time on said date;

presenting to the event coordinator a free time dialogue for displaying information regarding the availability of said invitees, wherein

said free time dialogue comprises:

a selection portion for enabling the coordinator to select one display option from a set of display options, wherein said set of display options comprises an option to display only the names of the invitees for which availability information could not be found, an option to display only the names of the invitees that were determined to be not busy between said start time and said end time on said date, and an option to display only the names of the invitees that were determined to be busy between said start time and said end time on said date; and

a listing portion for listing zero or more invitee names based on the display option selected by the coordinator.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein said free time dialogue further comprises a results portion for displaying the number of invitees that are not busy between said start time and

said end time on said date.

27. The method of claim 25, wherein said free time dialogue further comprises a results portion for displaying the number of invitees that are busy between said start time and said end time on said date.

28. The method of claim 25, wherein said free time dialogue further comprises a results portion for displaying the number of invitees for which availability information could not be found.

29. The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of determining one or more alternative start times for holding said event.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein the step of determining one or more alternative start times for holding said event comprises the step of using a best fit algorithm to determine said one or more alternative start times.

31. The method of claim 29, wherein said free time dialogue further comprises a recommended event time portion for displaying said one or more alternative start times.

32. A computer readable medium, having encoded thereon a computer program operative to perform the method of claim 25.

33. A system, comprising:
means for receiving from an event coordinator event information for scheduling an event, the event information specifying a list of invitees, a date, a start time, and an end time and/or a duration which determines said end time;

means for receiving invitee availability information for one or more of said invitees, wherein said availability information is used in determining which of said one or more invitees, if any, are not busy between said start time and said end time on said date;

means for presenting to the event coordinator a free time dialogue for displaying information regarding the availability of said invitees, wherein

said free time dialogue comprises:

a selection portion for enabling the coordinator to select one display option from a set of display options, wherein said set of display options comprises an option to display only the names of the invitees for which availability information could not be found, an option to display only the names of the invitees that were determined to be not busy between said start time and said end time on said date, and an option to display only the names of the invitees that were determined to be busy between said start time and said end time on said date; and

a listing portion for listing zero or more invitee names based on the display option selected by the coordinator.

34. The system of claim 33, wherein said free time dialogue further comprises a results portion for displaying the number of invitees that are not busy between said start time and said end time on said date.

35. The system of claim 33, wherein said free time dialogue further comprises a results portion for displaying the number of invitees that are busy between said start time and said end time on said date.

36. The system of claim 33, wherein said free time dialogue further comprises a results portion for displaying the number of invitees for which availability information could not be found.

37. The system of claim 33, further comprising means for determining one or more alternative start times for holding said event.

38. The system of claim 37, wherein the step of determining one or more alternative start times for holding said event is configured to use a best fit algorithm to determine said one or more alternative start times.

39. The system of claim 37, wherein said free time dialogue further comprises a recommended event time portion for displaying said one or more alternative start times.
